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## **Via ECF Filing**

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Re: Frank Rizzo Monument Committee v. City of Philadelphia, et al. Civ. No. 20-3245

Dear Judge Jones:

We write on behalf of Defendant the City of Philadelphia to follow-up regarding matters discussed during the January 14, 2021 status conference in this case and provide this letter with agreement of Plaintiff's counsel. The parties have conferred and agree to move forward with non-binding mediation before Your Honor in an effort to resolve this matter amicably. The City requests that each party have the opportunity to briefly meet with Your Honor on an *ex parte* basis prior to the mediation. Plaintiff does not consent to that request.

Respectfully,

/s/ Benjamin H. Field
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cc: George Bochetto, Esq.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Lydia Furst, hereby certify that I caused to be served today one copy of the foregoing upon the persons and in the manner indicated below:

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